

OF NOTE

Briefings

Early out briefing March 21

Early out (Palace Chase) briefing is **March 21** in Building 20204, room 9C, 2 p.m.

Reference Air Force Instruction 36-3205 for eligibility. Retraining may be an option.

Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

Learn budgeting skills

Budget 101 is **March 24**, 1-2 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Apply for federal jobs

Federal Jobs Application Preparation Workshop is **March 19**, 5:30-8 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Federal contractor jobs workshop March 21

Veterans Employment/Federal Contractors Workshop is **March 21**, 8 a.m.-noon, at the Family Support Center. The workshop provides information about federal contractor employment opportunities for veterans.

Register at 846-0741.

Closings

Public Health services curtailed during exercises

During all exercises and processing lines, Public Health offers services on a limited basis. The limit on services is due to the current deployments.

Before visiting Public Health, call 846-3461 for availability.

Munitions storage area closed March 17

The 898th Munitions Squadron's Conventional Munitions Storage Area closes **March 17** during semi-annual 100 percent base stock inventory.

Organizations with munitions accounts can submit emergency requests only at that time. Needed are written requests, approved by the group commander or equivalent.

Contact Master Sgt. Dennis M. Woll, 853-2177 or 846-2519.

Education

English CLEP offered

The Education Center offers the English CLEP with Essay **April 16**, 8:15 a.m.

Testing is in the center's room 116B.

Visit the center or call 846-8955 or 846-9933 by **today** to schedule testing.

Events

Women's History Month celebrated

Women's History Month is celebrated with a breakfast event **March 20**, 7:30-9 a.m., at the Mountain View Club.

Tickets are \$8.50 a person. Call Lori McCardle at 846-6616, Michelle Sanchez at 846-8771 or Teresa Reinhard at 846-0741.

A fun run at the East Fitness Center gym track is **March 21**, 11 a.m.

A retreat ceremony is **March 26**, 4 p.m. at Hardin Field.

Gospel music, workshop slated for off-base

The Kirtland AFB Inspirational Gospel Service sponsors a gospel music and worship workshop. Leaders will be Gerald and Jacque Malone of the McCoy Memorial Baptist Church in Los Angeles, Calif.,

The event offers rehearsals **March 27-29**, 7-9 p.m., and concludes with a concert **March 30**, 3 p.m. The program is off base at God's House Church, 2335 Wyoming Boulevard NE to enable participation by local churches without entry to Kirtland AFB.

Registration fee for participants is \$15 a person. Contact Chap., Capt., John Von Almen, 846-5691.

Technology expo set March 20

Sandia National Laboratory hosts the annual Technology Exposition **March 20**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Coronado Club Building 3210.

The free expo with refreshments and giveaway items is open to TEAM KIRTLAND.

ALS graduation ceremony slated

The Airman Leadership School graduation ceremony and lunch for Class 03-D is **March 20**, 11:30 a.m., at the Mountain View Club.

Tickets for \$8.50 a person are available from students and by e-mail at 377MSS.DPN@kirtland.af.mil.

Duty uniform is acceptable. For upcoming class information and eligible attendees, visit the Airman Leadership School Web site at www.kirtland.af.mil/organizations/ALS/index.htm.

Tour March 21

Welcome to New Mexico Tour is **March 21**, 10:15 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Visit the Sandia Tram, Cottonwood Mall and Old Town for a great introduction to Albuquerque. Register at 846-0741.

Bataan memorial march cancelled

The 2003 Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., is cancelled due to the world situation. A rededication of the Bataan Memorial statue in Veterans Park in Las Cruces, **March 29**, 10 a.m., is still scheduled.

Organizers are working to refund entry fees.

Lecture series set at vet memorial

The New Mexico Veterans Memorial hosts a free lecture series at the Visitors Center, 10:30 a.m.

Scheduled speakers are: "Submarine Warfare Aboard the USS Puffer" by Charlie Brown, **March 22**; and "Army Engineers" by Larry Blair, **April 19** and "Youngest B-17 Crew in World War II," by Paul Wasner, **May 3**.

Meetings

Share lunch, tips with single parents

Single Parents' Lunch is **March 25**, 11 a.m.-noon, at the Family Support Center. Bring your bag lunch and invite other single parents. Call the Family Support Center, 846-0741.

Tuskegee Airmen meet

The Gen. "Fig" Newton chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., meets the **second Tuesday** each month, 5-6 p.m., in the Santa Fe Room of the Rio Grande Community Center.

Toastmasters hosts Trevino talk

Kirtland New Horizons Toastmasters hosts guest speaker Todd Trevino, speaking on "Changing Times for Investors," **March 21**, noon, in El Dorado Room at the Coronado Club.

Call Mary Lou at 275-3271 or Nancy at 845-9885.

Sergeants association meets March 19

The Air Force Sergeants Association, Roadrunners chapter 1201, meeting is the **March 19**, 11:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club, Heritage Room.

All enlisted members, active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and retirees are welcome to attend.

Call Tech. Sgt. Carlos Chavez at 846-8921.

Miscellanea

Electronic W-2s available

Military members and DOD civilians can view, save and print their W-2 wage and tax statements from

myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

Military retirees and annuitants can view, save and print their tax form 1099s as well.

Blood drives set

Kirtland AFB sponsors blood drives conducted by United Blood Services.

A waiting period is imposed for people who have had Smallpox vaccinations.

Sandia National Laboratories, **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; and **March 18** in the Bloodmobile by the Schiff Auditorium; **March 25** in the Bloodmobile by the Thunderbird Cafe; Air Force Inspection Agency and Air Force Safety Center, **today**, 8 a.m.-noon, in the Bloodmobile; 377th Civil Engineers, Building 20684, **March 21**, in the Bloodmobile.

Anti-suicide Web site up

The Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site is operational at <https://www.afms.mil/afsp/>.

Personnel

Nuclear weapons maintainers needed

The nuclear weapons maintenance career field has opportunities for senior master sergeants to cross-train into the 2W291 Air Force specialty code.

Applicants must be E-8 or E-8 selectees, have a top-secret security clearance and comply with the requirements outlined for the Personal Reliability Program in Air Force Instruction 36-2104.

Apply at the Military Personnel Flight. For additional information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Daubach, career field manager, at 703-695-0809, DSN 225-0809 or anthony.daubach@pentgon.af.mil, or Senior Master Sgt. Ron Dryburgh at 719-554-5967, DSN 692-5967 or ronald.dryburgh@peterson.af.mil.

Electronic Warfare Conference slated

The U.S. Navy hosts the 48th Annual Joint Electronic Warfare Conference at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., **May 6-8**, for U.S. government personnel only.

The conference theme is "EW in Transformation: An Evolving Foundation of U.S. Security."

For more information on the 48th JEWEC, visit the Web site at <https://jewc.mugu.navy.mil>. Points of contact are Susan Hynds, 805-989-4018 or DSN 351-4018 and Melody Dates, 805-989-7832, DSN 351-7832, or by e-mail at susan.hynds@navy.mil or melody.dates@navy.mil.

Recruiting

Annual veterans art competition set

The Veterans Creative Art Competition, including art, music, drama and dance, is **today** at the Albuquerque Veterans Affairs Medical Center. All active New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System patients can participate in the contest.

For more information, call 265-1711, extension 2208, 256-2858 or 800-465-8262, extensions 2208 or 2858.

Stars and Stripes printing greetings to deployed

WASHINGTON—U.S. troops deployed to the Persian Gulf region and other overseas locations will soon receive personal messages on the pages of Stars and Stripes from family members, friends, neighbors, colleagues and supporters.

Stars and Stripes is the editorially independent, DOD-authorized daily newspaper distributed overseas for the U.S. military community.

Messages of Support, a daily section debuting March 17, will give family and friends of deployed service members a chance to pass their greetings, words of encouragement and announcements free of charge.

“In the past few weeks, we’ve received a significant number of e-mail messages from spouses, parents, friends and others trying to get in contact with their loved ones serving in the Persian Gulf region. (Printing) messages from folks on the home front seemed like a natural extension of our mission,” said Stars and Stripes Publisher Thomas Kelsch.

“Messages of Support” limited to 50 or less words can be e-mailed to Stars and Stripes 24 hours a day at messages@estripes.com.

The messages will be printed on a first-come, first-run basis. Stars and Stripes reserves the right to screen and edit all messages and to omit any determined inappropriate.

Stripes is increasing its Middle East circulation with the goal of providing one paper for every three persons stationed there.

VA purchases land for Pittsburgh cemetery

WASHINGTON—The Department of Veterans Affairs has completed the purchase of two land parcels totaling 292 acres in Washington County, Pa., near Pittsburgh, for a national cemetery, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi recently announced.

The purchase involves a 136-acre tract, purchased for \$1.76 million, that will be developed along with a 156-acre parcel bought in December 2002 for \$2.3 million. Veterans Affairs plans to open a small portion of the cemetery for burials in late 2004.

About 19,000 grave spaces will be available when the cemetery’s first phase of construction is completed in 2006.

“The Pittsburgh area has been on VA’s priority list for building a much needed national cemetery to serve the veterans of southwestern Pennsylvania,” Principi said. “We’re happy to have this beautiful land to convert this

goal to reality in a relatively short time.”

Located 12 miles south of downtown Pittsburgh, the cemetery will serve about 323,000 veterans living within 75 miles. The area covers 13 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania and three in West Virginia.

A public ceremony in Washington County is scheduled next month to market the completion of the purchase.

Nationwide, VA operates 120 national cemeteries, of which 61 have casket gravesites currently available. All veterans with discharges other than dishonorable, their spouses and dependent children are eligible for burial in VA national cemeteries. Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from a VA Web site on the Internet at <http://www.cem.va.gov/> or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

NACEC.org Web site not official emergency site

The NACEC.org Web site, which claims to provide emergency notifications in support of military families is not an official site of the federal government.

The site requests personal information including service members’ and their families’ names, addresses and Social Security numbers.

The site quotes “With the drastically increasing numbers of U.S. Armed Forces overseas, the North American Center for Emergency Communications has put their military family support ‘Flash Mail Service’ back on line, as of this week. This will help those members of the military stationed overseas and the military families that have members serving overseas.”

The site represents itself as being owned by a not-for-profit corporation (which means they haven’t filed for non-

profit status and made the necessary disclosures).

The registrant for the website is an individual in Minnesota who may or not be an American national.

DOD personnel should not enter any personal information on a non-federal website for emergency notification of families or any other reason.

This site is NOT associated with the federal government and should not be trusted.

Personnel should not enter any personal information on a non-federal Web site for emergency notification of families or any other reason, because the information could be used for identity theft, intelligence gathering by foreign nations or terrorists and could pose a threat to service members, their families and their privacy.

OF NOTE

Honor Guard leader sought

A sharp, motivated noncommissioned officer in the grade of staff sergeant through master sergeant is needed to fill the position as noncommissioned officer in charge of the TEAM KIRTLAND Honor Guard.

Anyone interested in the position, should submit a package to Senior Master Sgt. James Orange, 377th Services Squadron first sergeant, or Lt. Col. Therese Robinson, 377th Services Squadron commander, by **March 21**.

Required in the package are a letter stating why you would like to have this position, a letter of recom-

mendation from squadron/unit commander, a letter of recommendation from immediate supervisor, your last three evaluation reports and AF Form 108 (Body Fat/Weight Management Program).

‘Strides Against Breast Cancer’ needs walkers

Teams are needed to join the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, **April 6**.

Team captains are also needed. Contact Maj. Michael Earl, 846-3287, or by e-mail, michael.earl@Kirtland.af.mil.

Volunteers of year nominations sought

During National Volunteer Week, Kirtland AFB honors all volunteers at its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and Cookout, **May 2**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Rio Grande Community Center.

Base volunteers are invited. During the ceremony and event, the Angel Award and the Volunteer Excellence awards are presented.

Contact the Family Support Center at 846-0741 or 846-0751 for a nomination package or for more information. Nominations are due by **April 2**.